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STUDIES IN PLAUTUS.

I.

ON A SUPPOSED LIMITATION OF THE LAW OF "BREVES BREVIANTES" IN PLAUTUS AND TERENCE.

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PROFESSOR KLOTZ in his *Grundzüge Altrömischer Metrik* (Leipzig, 1890), p. 56, makes the statement that in the 'interior' arses (Senkungen) of iambic and trochaic dipodies, *i.e.* in the arses of the 'even' feet (2d, 4th, etc.) in iambic, and of the 'odd' (1st, 3d, 5th, etc.) in trochaic lines,[1] the shortening of a long syllable under the law of Breves Breviantes is scarcely ever found. ("In den inneren Senkungen der Iamben und Trochäen sind diese Kürzungen fast ganz ausgeschlossen.") It is the object of this article to show by an enumeration of the instances that this statement of Professor Klotz is incorrect.[2]

In the following lines we have examples of this shortening[3] in 'interior' arses:

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[1] It is these 'interior' feet which give the key-note of the rhythm to iambic and trochaic lines. They are therefore in Greek dramatic poetry kept free from spondees, which would spoil the rhythm. A Greek iambic trimeter, for example, admits spondees only to the first, third, and fifth feet; a Greek trochaic tetrameter admits them only to the second, fourth, and sixth. Plautus admits spondees to these 'interior' feet, but avoids such spondees as involve a clash of the metrical ictus with the natural accent of the word. Klotz, p. 316 ff.

[2] In respect to the trochaic lines of Terence this has been already demonstrated by Dr. Podiaski: *die Trochäischen Septenare des Terenz* (Berlin, 1894), p. 22.

[3] I omit instances where the dissyllable may be scanned as a monosyllable by synizesis, e.g. *eo*, *deos*, etc.; also words ending in a short vowel preceding *-s*, e.g. *bonus*, where the *s* need not go to make 'position'; also *egŏ*, *mihĭ*, *tibĭ*, *sibĭ*, *ibĭ*, *ubĭ*, which in Terence certainly are really pyrrhic words; also in the lines of

(*a*) Dissyllables[1] — in iambic lines:

i. in second foot — of senarius: Asin. 752 Lenaé dedĭt dono etc. Bacch. 270 Postquám quiděm praetor etc. Bacch. 923 Verúm lubět etiam etc. Capt. 21 Hic núnc domĭ seruit etc. Curc. 255 *A.* Fateór. *B.* Abĭ deprome etc. Epid. 450 Memoránt apŭd reges etc. Men. 253 Verúm taměn nequeo etc. Mil. 585 Verúm taměn de me etc. Mil. 1125 Istúc cauě faxis etc. Most. 66 Tace átque abĭ rus: ego etc. Pers. 462 *A.* Numquíd morŏr? *B.* Euge, euge etc. Poen. 696 Siquidém potĕs esse etc. Poen. 979 *A.* Qui scís? *B.* Viděn hómines etc. (Pseud. 544 Quasi ín librŏ cum scribúntur calamo lítterae [*del.* cum *edd.*].) Stich. 262 Malúm quiděm si uis etc. And. 760 Mané; cauě quoquam etc. Heaut. 812 Huiús modĭ mi res etc. (The scansion *mihī* is very rare in Terence.) Phorm. 411 Hahahaé, homŏ suauis etc. Hec. 624 Grauitér quiděm; nam hercle etc.

— of septenarius: Asin. 625 Verbúm cauě faxis, uérbero etc. Asin. 704 Em síc: abĭ, laudo néc te equo etc. Cist. 744 Tecúm uolŏ: sociam té mihi etc.

— of octonarius: Cas. 231 *A.* Quo núnc abĭs? *B.* Mitte mé. *A.* Mane etc. Phorm. 810 *A.* Quid ést? *B.* Ităn paruam míhi fidem etc.

ii. in fourth foot — of senarius: Bacch. 1041 — súnt: utrăm tu accipiás uide (*del.* tu *edd.*). Capt. 364 — huĭc dedĭ uigintí minis. Cas. 143 — níl agĕs sine med árbitro (med *A*, met *P*). Trin. 503 — níl erăt dicto 'spóndeo.' (Hec. 201 — omnés socrŭs oderúnt nurus [*includunt edd.*].) Hec. 430 — *A* Ét quiděm te expectó. *B* Quid est? Ad. 423 — quaé modŏ dixti; et quód queo.

— of septenarius: (Naev. Com. 108 R. Etiám qui res magnás manŭ saepe géssit glorióse.[2])

Terence words ending in *-r*, and *-t*, e.g. *moror*, *stetit*, whose last syllable seems in the time of Terence to have been 'half-long.'

[1] Here also should be mentioned the following trisyllables reduced by elision to dissyllables: Phorm. 546 Séd parŭmne est, quod ómnibus nunc nóbis suscensét senex? Epid. 64 *A.* Quíd nunc me retinés? *B.* Amătne istam quam émit de praedá? *A.* Rogas? (In 'exterior' arses we have: gregĭque Asin. 3, licětne Curc. 401, parŭmne Merc. 692, uidětque Trin. 109.)

[2] The only example of the kind, unless we admit Plaut. Mil. 402 Nescío quid credam egomét *mihi* iam: ita quód uidisse crédo (A; *om.* P). A dissyllabic 'Sen-

— of octonarius: Bacch. 974 Quadringéntos filiós habět atque etc. (And. 682 *A.* Faciam. *B.* Át iam hoc opust. *A.* Hem — séd manĕ concrepuít a Glycerio óstium [*om.* a Glycerio *G*].)

iii. in sixth foot — of septenarius: Asin. 467 — uerbó cauĕ supplicássis. Asin. 701 — decórum erŭm uehere séruom. Cist. 738 — quoidám negăt esse quód det. Most. 200 — uní modŏ gessi mórem. Stich. 674 — uostrúm uolŏ spectatóres.

— of octonarius: Hec. 208 — póst modŏ resciscés, scio. (Ad. 173 *A.* O fácinus indignúm! *B.* Geminabit nísi cauĕs. *A.* Ei miseró mihi (*sic A*; o miserum facinus *cett.*; o ind. fac. nisi caues gem. *Fleckeisenus*).)

(*b*) Dissyllables — in trochaic lines:

i. in first foot — of septenarius: Amph. 333 Hínc enĭm mihi etc., 773 Si haéc habět etc. Asin. 536 Nón uotŏ ted amáre etc. Aul. 608 Tú modŏ caue etc., 629 Quí modŏ nusquam etc. Bacch. 79 Quíd si apŭd te eueniát etc., 696 Quóm malŭm facile etc. Capt. 534 Núnc enĭm uero etc., 643 Séd uidĕ sis etc. Cas. 531 Hóc erăt ecastór etc. Cist. 80 Vérum enĭm meretrix etc., 503 Híc apŭd nos etc. Epid. 162 Nón enĭm nunc etc., 648 Núnc enĭm tu etc. Mil. 293 Vérum enĭm tu istam etc., 612 Séd uolŏ scire etc., 1144 Vós modŏ porro etc. (Most. 390 Nón modŏ ne intro eat, uerum etiam ut fugiat etc.), 850 Ést: abĭ canis etc., 929 Núnc abĭ rus etc., 1099 Tánto apŭd iudicem etc. Pers. 185 Áio enĭm uero etc., 489 Númquam enĭm posthac etc. Poen. 286 Nón enĭm potis est etc., 287 Ét tamĕn quaestus etc., 358 Séd uidĕ sis etc., 387 Síc enĭm dicerés etc., 609 *A.* St, tacĕ. *B.* Quid est? etc. (St | Táce etc., *Leo*). Pseud. 663 Séd uidĕ sis etc., 675 Quó modŏ quicque etc. Rud. 989 Nón enĭm tu hic etc., 1053 *A.* Haúd pudět. *B.* Nil etc. Stich. 58 Quí manět ut etc., 88 Cérto enĭm mihi etc., 96 Númquam enĭm nimis etc., 515 Crás apŭd me eritis etc., 600 Nón enĭm solus etc., 758 Ét quidĕm nobis etc. Trin. 370 Tú modŏ ne etc., 602 Quó modŏ tu istuc etc., 855 Quó modŏ quidque etc. Truc. 261 Séd uolŏ scire etc., 908 Nón enĭm possunt etc. And. 823 Ímmo enĭm nunc etc., 899 Hóc modŏ te

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kung' in this foot is extremely rare (Ter. Eun. 1007 *tibi*, Hec. 249 *magis* in, 790 *ubi*, Phorm. 794 *adu*lescens).

obsecro etc. (971 Néc morăst ulla etc., *sic A*; nec mora ullast etc. *cett.*). Eun. 560 *A*. Quíd tacĕs? *B*. O etc., 724 Íd modŏ dic etc., 766 Hóc modŏ dic etc. Heaut. 1031 Ét cauĕ posthac etc. Phorm. 337 Nón potĕst satis etc., 338 Ímmo enĭm nemo etc. Hec. 223 Át uidĕ quam inmerito etc. Ad. 201 Vérum enĭm quando etc.

— of octonarius: Aul. 830 Quód modŏ fassu's etc. Stich. 302 Nón enĭm possum etc. (Caec. Com. 119 R. Núnc enĭm uerost etc., 230 Núnc enĭm demum etc.)

ii. in third foot — of septenarius: Asin. 237 Quín si tu uolés domĭ serui etc., 329 Máior apud forúmst minŏr hic est etc. (Aul. 660 *A*. Fúgin hinc ab oculís? Abĭn [hinc] an non? *B*. Ábeo. *A*. Caue sis réuideam (te uideam *MSS.*) (*versus suspectus*).) Capt. 870 *A*. Núnc tu mihi placés. *B*. Abĭ, stultu's etc., 999 Crúciamenta, uérum enĭm uero etc. Cist. 67 Síquid est quod doleát, dolĕt: si autem etc. Curc. 160 *A*. Máne, suffundam aquolám. *B*. Viděn ut anus etc., 170 Ípsus se excruciát qui homŏ quod amat etc. Epid. 252 Éum argentum sumpsísse apŭd Thebas etc., 653 Tíbi quidem quod amés domĭ praestost etc. Merc. 435 Éccillum uideó: iubĕt quinque etc. Mil. 1372 Vérum non potést: cauĕ faxis etc. Most. 808 *A*. Át enim mulierés — *B*. Cauĕ tu ullam etc. Poen. 1406 Aúsculta sorári: abĭ diiunge etc. Stich. 95 *A*. Síne, pater. *B*. Quid opúst? *A*. Opŭst. *B*. Morem etc., 153 Nám dies totós apŭd portum etc., 396 Í intro, Pinaciúm, iubĕ famulos etc., 602 Míhi modo auscultá: iubĕ cenam dómi coqui etc. (*P*; iube domi cenám coqui *A*), 623 Déos salutabó modŏ: poste ad etc., 754 Íta me di ament núnquam enĭm fiet etc. Trin. 989 *A*. Ábin hinc ab oculís? *B*. Enĭm uero etc. And. 855 Néscioqui senéx modŏ uenit etc. Heaut. 316 Úbi si paululúm modŏ quid etc., 899 Út ne paululúm quidĕm subolat etc. Hec. 753 Lépida es. Sed scin quíd uolŏ potius etc. Ad. 167 Abi prae strenue ác forĕs aperi etc., 168 *A*. Í intro nunciám tu. *B*. Enĭm non sinam etc., 964 Rés apparet ét quidĕm porro haec etc.

— of octonarius: Eun. 742 Vérba dum sint; uérum enĭm si ad rem etc. Hec. 527 Péperit filia: hém tacĕs? éx quo etc.

iii. in fifth foot — of septenarius: Amph. 703 — sí uelĭs aduorsárier. Aul. 823 — núnc uolŏ me emittí manu. Capt. 572 — Plús quidĕm quam tibi aút mihi. Epid. 585 — támen erŏ matris filia.

Mil. 283 — Nón enĭm faciam quin scias. Stich. 597 — Quí malŭm tibi lassó lubet? Truc. 808 — duás habĕt et auiás duas. Hec. 843 — hóc ităst. *A.* Verum réperies.

— of octonarius: Pers. 272 — *A.* Núnc domŭm propero. *B.* Máne etsi properas (or anapaestic?).

iv. in seventh foot — of octonarius: Heaut. 580 — *A.* fúnctu's officiúm. *B.* Tacĕ sodes. Ad. 517 dúdum. *A.* Dic sodés. *B.* Apŭd uillamst.

(*c*) Monosyllables[1] — in iambic lines:

i. in second foot — of senarius: Men. 536 Istúc ubi ĭllae armillaé etc. Heaut. 79 Rectúmst, ego ŭt faciam etc.

— of septenarius: (Asin. 720 *A.* Opta íd quod ŭt contingát tibi uis. *B.* Quíd si optaro? *A.* Euéniet (if this be the right scansion).) Eun. 290 Mirór, quid ĕx Piraeo ábierit etc.

— of octonarius. No example.

ii. in fourth foot — of senarius: Bacch. 364 — mácto ego ĭllum infortúnio. (Mil. 858 — hércle ego ĭllum adducam á foro.) (*A*; erum ad. *P.*) Most. 475 *A.* Factúmst. *B.* Quid ĕst? non intéllego. And. 668 — Quód nisi hŏc consiliúm darent. And. 745 — forúm! Quid ĭlli hominum lítigant! Heaut. 848 *A.* Quaesó quid tu hominis és? *B.* Quid ĕst? *A.* Iamne oblítus es? (*A*; *om.* est *cett.*) Ad. 787 — súnt, ita ŭt dixi, Sóstrata.

— of septenarius. No example.

— of octonarius: Hec. 198 Pro deum átque hominum fidém, quod hŏc genus est? etc.

iii. in sixth foot — of septenarius: Cist. 41 — quaestúm nisi ŭt ne esurírem. Rud. 703 — metus hás id ŭt faciant súbigit.

— of octonarius. No example.

(*d*) Monosyllables — in trochaic lines:

i. in first foot — of septenarius: Aul. 815 Crédo ego ĭllum ut iussi etc. Capt. 414 Féci ego ĭsta ut etc. Epid. 620 Séd quis hăec est muliércula etc. Mil. 288 Átque ego ĭlli aspicio etc., 675 Ét quod ĭn dinis rébus etc. Most. 1062 Séd quid hŏc est etc., 1070 Nón ego ĭlli extemplo etc. Pers. 233 Átque ego hănc [nunc] operam etc.

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[1] Including dissyllables which are made monosyllables by elision.

Poen. 1296 Séd quid hŏc est etc. Stich. 629 Nón ego ĭsti apud te etc. Trin. 341 Nón eo haĕc dico etc., 718 Híc quoque hĭnc abiit etc. Truc. 770 Séd quid hŏc est etc. Heaut. 329 Túm quod ĭlli argentum etc. Hec. 747 Nám neque ĭlle hoc etc., 851 Nám neque ĭn nuntió etc.

— of octonarius. No example.

ii. in third foot — of septenarius: Aul. 655 Máne, mane: quis illic ést? quis hĭc intus etc. Curc. 611 Sí uis tribus bolís uel ĭn chlamydem etc. Epid. 217 Quom ád portam uenio, átque ego ĭllam illi etc. And. 302 *A.* Quí scis? *B.* Apud forúm modo ĕ Dauo etc. Heaut. 658. *A.* Dé illa. *B.* Nesció, nisi ĕx ipsa etc. Heaut. 1040 Quó modo obsequáre et ŭt serues etc. Phorm. 846 Núm tu intellegís quid hĭc narret? etc. Hec. 528 Périi! ex quo censés nisi ĕx illo etc. Hec. 851 Nám neque in nuntió neque ĭn me ipso etc.

— of octonarius: Pers. 851 Quíane te uocó, bene ŭt tibi sit etc.

iii. in fifth foot — of septenarius: Merc. 393 — *A.* uídi. *B.* Eho ăn uidistí, pater? Most. 1074 — Núnc ego ĭlle huc ueniát uelim. Stich. 697 — pácto ego hŏc tecum díuido (tecum hoc *B*). Stich. 741 Sí amabilitas tíbi nostra placet, sí tibi ămbo acceptí sumus[1] (MSS. = P). And. 906 — *A.* cérte is ĕst. *B.* Saluos sís, Chremes. Eun. 716 — quó modo hĭnc abeam néscio. Phorm. 1028 — átque hic ĕst infortúnio. Ad. 559 — Ém, uide ŭt discidít labrum. Ad. 706 — tú fac ŭt dixi, sí sapis.

— of octonarius. No example.

iv. in seventh foot — of octonarius. No example.

(*e*) Initial syllables — in iambic lines:

i. in second foot — of senarius: Aul. 673 Nunc hóc ubi ăbstrudam etc. Merc. 774 Siquíd tibi ĕuenit etc. Mil. 1289 Mittó iam ut ŏccidi etc. Poen. 981 *A.* Quid iám? *B.* Quia ĭncedunt etc. Truc. 698 Ubí male ăccipiar etc. Phorm. 439 Dicám tibi ĭnpingam etc. Phorm. 707 Anguís per ĭnpluuium etc. (Ad. 716 Quo nón? neque ĭlli fabrica úlla erat nec frátrem homo.) [ADG; fabrica illi(c) *cett.*]

— of septenarius. No example.

— of octonarius: Pers. 268 Virtúst ubi ŏccasio ádmonet etc.

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[1] [An unusual type of shortening. Should we omit *nostra* as a gloss or transpose *accepti ambo?* — W. M. L.]

ii. in fourth foot — of senarius: Amph. 893 — fáctum id Ămphítruoni óffuit (id factum *Leo*). Poen. 637 — séd quid ĭstuc ad me áttinet?

— of septenarius. No example.

— of octonarius: Eun. 589 Venísse clanculúm per ĭnpluuium etc.

iii. in sixth foot:

— of septenarius. No example.

— of octonarius: Andr. 266 — momento húc uel ĭlluc inpéllitur. (Ad. 334 — hánc sibi ŭxorem dúcere [si *A*, sibi *cett.*, se Spengel].)

(*f*) Initial syllables — in trochaic lines:

i. in first foot — of septenarius: Amph. 839 Nón ego ĭllam etc. Asin. 265 Séd quid ĭlluc etc. Aul. 165 Núnc ego ĭstum etc., 606 Núnc sine ŏmni suspícione etc. Bacch. 52 Nón ego ĭstuc etc. Capt. 301 Nón ego ĭstunc etc., 562 Ét quidem Ălcumeus etc., 617 Núnc ego ĭnter sacrúm saxumque etc. Cas. 559 Núnc ego ĭllum etc., 804 Nám quid ĭllaec etc., 970 Núnc ego ĭnter sacrúm saxumque etc. Men. 791 Átque ob ĭstanc etc., 861 Sáne ego ĭllum etc. Merc. 413 Séd quid ĭlla etc., 449 Nón ego ĭllam etc., 619 Néc tibi ĭstuc magís etc. (Nón tibi istuc mágis *Leo*). Mil. 618 Mé tibi ĭstuc etc., 659 Át quidem ĭlluc etc. (757 Fít pol ĭlluc ad illúc (illud ad íllud *Leo*, *MSS.*) etc.). Most. 256 Váh quid ĭlla etc., 1087 Díxi ego ĭstuc etc. Poen. 368 Méne ego ĭllaec patiár praesente etc. (*P*: ego pr. pat. illaec *A*), 1207 Nós fore ĭnuito etc. Pseud. 378 Séd sine ărgento etc. Stich. 118 Haú male ĭstuc etc., 513 Quám me ad ĭllum etc., 599 Átque ad ĭllum etc. Trin. 709 Quíd tibi ĭnterpellátio etc., 935 Séd ubi ăbsinthiúm etc., 995 Íbo, ad ĭllum etc., 1053 Sí mage ĕxigere etc. Truc. 287 Iam hércle ego ĭstos etc., 317 Vérum ego ĭllum etc. Eun. 239 Híc ego ĭllum etc. Hec. 874 Aút quid ĭstuc etc.

— of octonarius. No example.

ii. in third foot — of septenarius: Ad. 202 Áge iam cupio, sí modo ărgentum etc.

— of octonarius: Pers. 192 Scélus tu pueri es; átque ob ĭstanc rem etc.

iii. in fifth foot — of septenarius: Epid. 326 — si hércle ego ĭllum semel préndero. (Most. 804 — Ém tibi ădduxi hominém, ⟨Simo⟩.) Rud. 1208 — Séd quid ĭstum remorámini? Truc. 309 — Nón enim

ĭlle meretrículis. And. 830 — átque in ĭncertas núptias. (And. 918 — ré quod ĭllum moneám probe.) (*BCEP*; illum quod *ADG edd.*)

— of octonarius. No example.

iv. in seventh foot — of octonarius. No example.

(*g*) Medial syllables — in iambic lines:

i. in second foot — of senarius: Amph. 939 Capiúnt uolŭptates etc. Men. 37 Postquám Syrăcusas etc. Mil. 1124 Quin sí uolŭntate etc. Pers. 76 Ubi sínt magĭstratus etc. Poen. 1 Achíllem Arĭstarchi etc. Pseud. 69 Harúnc uolŭptatum etc. Pseud. 537 Tuá uolŭntate etc. Heaut. 71 Haec nón uolŭptati etc. (Caec. 182 Atque út magĭstratus etc.)

— of septenarius. No example.

— of octonarius. No example.

ii. in fourth foot — of senarius, septenarius, octonarius. No example.

iii. in sixth foot:

— of septenarius: Poen. 1263 — nunc hác uolŭptate sédo.

— of octonarius. No example.

(*h*) Medial syllables — in trochaic lines:

i. in first foot:

— of septenarius: Stich. 59 Néc uolŭntate id facere meminit etc. And. 960 Quód uolŭptates eórum propriae etc.

— of octonarius. No example.

ii. in third foot:

— of septenarius: Stich. 689 Nósmet inter nós minĭstremus etc. Truc. 761 Iam hércle apud nouos omnís magĭstratus etc.

— of octonarius. No example.

iii. in fifth foot:

— of septenarius: Curc. 369 — híc minĭstrabit, égo edam.

— of octonarius. No example.

— iv. in seventh foot — of octonarius. No example.

The number of these examples is sufficient contradiction of Professor Klotz's statement that this shortening is 'scarcely ever found' in 'interior' arses. And if we compare this number with the number of shortenings of this kind in 'exterior' arses, the full incorrectness of his statement appears. The statistics show that one

'exterior' foot, the first foot of the iambic line or hemistich, is a favorite place for these shortenings, but that in the other feet it is nearly a matter of indifference whether the foot be 'interior' or 'exterior.' Thus the shortening is found in Plautus and Terence in iambic lines in the 3d and 5th feet of senarii and the 3d and 7th of septenarii and octonarii:

(*a*) in dissyllables 39 times, (*b*) in monosyllables 17 times,
(*c*) in initial syllables 29 times, (*d*) in medial syllables 5 times,
in the 2d, 4th, and 6th feet: —
(*a*) in dissyllables 36 times, (*b*) in monosyllables 12 times,
(*c*) in initial syllables 12 times, (*d*) in medial syllables 9 times,
in trochaic lines in the 2d and 4th and 6th feet: —
(*a*) in dissyllables 92 times, (*b*) in monosyllables 23 times,
(*c*) in initial syllables 31 times, (*d*) in medial syllables 8 times,
in the 1st and 5th feet + 3d and 7th feet: —
(*a*) in dissyllables 63 + 31, (*b*) in monosyllables 25 + 10,
(*c*) in initial syllables 38 + 2, (*d*) in medial syllables 3 + 2.

Professor Klotz, however, is right in saying (*Grundz.* p. 56) that this shortening is not found (cf. Cas. 718 mé abi et cúra) in the seventh 'Senkung' of the iambic septenarius; though it should be added that this 'Senkung' is so seldom dissyllabic[1] that there is not sufficient evidence to prove that the substitution of a shortened iambus for a pyrrhic was more avoided in this foot than in any other.

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[1] E.g. Most. 186 Equidém pol miror tám catam tam dócilem te et *bene* dóctam. Heaut. 742 *A.* Etiámne tecum hic rés mihist? *B.* Minumé: tuom *tibi* réddo. Hec. 795 Ut grátiam ineat síne suo dispéndio et *mihi* prósit.